

REMARKS

Claims 23-44 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, the Abstract has been amended and claims 32-41 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Quayle Action dated October 20, 2004.

Abstract:

The abstract stands objected to due to the specific informalities set forth in item 1a of the Quayle Action. However, it is respectfully submitted that the Abstract has been amended to correct such informalities. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's comments in item 2 of the Action that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 32-41. However, as stated above, non-elected claims 32-41 have been cancelled.

As such, in view of the aforementioned amendments to the Abstract and the cancellation of claims 32-41, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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